

Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee (SFLOAC) Meeting

Wednesday March 5th 2008, 10:00 Room 461, Olympia NRB

Meeting Attendees: Mary McDonald, Jeff Gallagher, Sally Butts, Jeff Davis, Sherry Fox, Ken Miller, Marc Engel, Dave Sweitzer, Maurice Williamson, Dennis Dart, Adrian Miller, Dave Whipple, Chase Davis (by phone), Jim Matthews (by phone)

Eastside Riparian Restoration – addition to Board Manual #21

- Went over the latest versions and changes to the draft, everyone's latest comments/additions were included
- Maurice suggested that something be added to address storm damage, the group decided that there were better ways to address that and this should stay focused on pathogens and fire
- Jim suggested that something be added as a bullet under Potential Management regarding wildlife trees
- Under the Prescriptions Section, Maurice wanted to add something that would ensure that whatever species the dead trees were replaced with was appropriate and immune to the pathogen that caused the problem in the first place
- Marc will have all of the edits rolled into one document and have it ready for policy next month
- Sherry asked if this was something meant for everyone or just smalls? intent is for everyone. Chase asked if this was going to overlap with Stewardship and some of DNR's other landowner assistance programs, but Stewardship is only for small forest landowners and their funding from the federal farm bill is dwindling.
- Upcoming training for the Forest Health Bill, no timeline yet but the pilot project in Stevens County will be having its kickoff on March 18th.

Ken Miller – Update on changing the 5,000BF class 1 rule

- Met with Lenny Young, are going to focus on class 2 permits and try to shorten the form for people that are willing to stay away from their RMZ's. Intent is to handle it administratively rather than a rule change.

Jeff Galleher – Update on Long Term Applications

- Haven't gotten too many more, but interest is up. Got good feedback from the outreach that DNR has been doing, will be wrapping that up soon.

Dick Miller - Risk Assessment Proposal

- Presented as a possible solution to some of the issues that arise during ID team meetings to help evaluate alternate plans, wouldn't be able to give an answer but could guide discussion, still involved a lot of variables

Alternate Plans and Storm Damage

- Olympic region has 3 alternate plans proposed, Pacific Cascade region has 4; all are for small forest landowners and more are expected
- People are in a rush to get their applications approved because the mills are cutting them off
- Commissioner Sutherland has asked for \$250,000 from the Legislature
- DNR and WDFW are prepared to bring in manpower from the east side of the state if its needed to help process alternate plans.